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AUSTIN, TX, AUGUST 1, 2013 - Amalia Rodriguez-Mendoza, Travis County District Clerk, has announced that she will be retiring at the end of 2014 and will not be seeking re-election to a seventh term.

"I am proud to have been selected as the 19th District Clerk of Travis County since the office was created in 1840. When I came to the District Clerk's office, I had two primary goals: updating our technology and establishing a culture of providing excellent customer service," Rodriguez-Mendoza stated. "These goals are an ongoing, evolving process of improvement and innovation that focuses on internal operations and collaboration with other officials. Even though there is and always will be more work to be done, I feel that I have fulfilled my goals that I set out to do and at this point I am ready to turn the leadership of my office over to the next District Clerk. I would like to thank the voters of Travis County for having confidence in my abilities."

Rodriguez-Mendoza has served as District Clerk since January 1, 1991. She was one of the first Clerks in Texas to make e-filing of documents available. She implemented a new case management system for both criminal and civil cases in 2004 and 2005, respectively, and established a paperless system for civil cases in 2005. As someone who recognizes the importance of historical documents, she has undertaken a project to preserve significant court cases. Her office is presently working in a multi-county project to develop a new

system designed specifically for Texas courts. The newest program she has just introduced is AARO, Attorney Access to Records Online, an internet-based case search of Travis County District Court records.

The one project Rodriguez-Mendoza points to as one of her proudest achievements is the I-Jury system introduced in 2002. The award winning I-Jury was the first in the nation to allow jurors to use the Internet to respond to a jury summons and receive a court assignment. Developed from the point of view of the juror, it allows jurors in Travis County to go online to handle the preliminaries of jury service and list any schedule conflicts. Rodriguez-Mendoza stated, "We understand incorporating jury service into busy lives can be challenging. Having a system to allow jurors to do as much as they can from home or work before reporting to the courthouse would make jury service much easier."

During her tenure, she has been active in the County and District Clerks Association of Texas, having served in every leadership role in the organization, including as President in 1999-2000. In 2004, she was recognized by her peers as District Clerk of the Year. She has been serving on the Judicial Committee on Technology since 2001 and co-chairs the E-Filing subcommittee. She is a sought-after speaker on court clerk operations at various training conferences held in Texas and at the national level.

In addition to her duties as District Clerk, Rodriguez-Mendoza has been active in the community, having served on the boards of the Austin Public Library Foundation, the Austin History Center, Austin Museum of Art, and Hispanic Women's Network of Texas. She is a graduate of Leadership Austin, Leadership Texas, and Leadership America. Currently, she serves as the Table Director for the Pan American Roundtable of Austin and as a Board Trustee of the Austin Lyric Opera.

Rodriguez-Mendoza has one daughter, Melyssa Mendoza, who lives in California and has family members living in Austin.